

Prescription Drug Abuse – Focusing on Opioids in Older Adults



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9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Opiate addiction has skyrocketed within a growing number of older Americans who are now becoming addicted to prescription opioid drugs like Oxycontin and Vicodin. Participants will learn about determinism and how addiction treatment for individuals over 50 with chronic pain can become more of a solution in addition, be able to describe the generational and co-morbidity aspects of the Baby Boomer Generation. Participants will also learn to apply practical tools for older adults and learn the importance of a thorough assessment which includes proper engagement in the recovery process and continued personal growth. The training will provide concrete supports to older adults so that they may engage in their own treatment, address their chronic pain with safe management techniques and find hope through the enduring process of holistic addiction recovery.

2 social work credit hours are available.

In this webinar participants will learn:

- Defining the deterministic viewpoint behavior and how it manifests into addiction in older adults.
- Understanding the basics of addiction as a disease and root causes of addiction in older adults.
- The effects of trauma on older adults and how it affects their emotions.
- Explaining the psychology of basic needs and brain reward.
- Making sense of current statistics and other cultural factors.
- Exploring recovery interventions for holistic healing in older adult populations.

Target Audience: This training is for all individuals who provide care to older adults, especially those who work in community settings such as aging care managers, housing staff, nurses, social workers, counselors, acute care and long-term care staff, substance abuse and mental health providers, as well as family members.

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